



"It(the changing of the season) may push the girls to do better. They may get the shaft because there are more guys than girls."

- Valerie Webb

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44	Munster	56
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72	Highland	106
51	Lake Central	134
112	Hammond	67
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68	Crown Point	120
72	Merrillville	103

E.C. Central Gary Roosevelt

Lowell Invite

Sectionals

Regionals Amy Sears



Top Row: Kim Webb, Tabitha Wintczak, Melissa Huber, Amber Hecht, Laura Huber, Lindsey Zimmerman, Amy Sears. 2nd Row Cari Zimmerman, Suzanne Wargo, Valerie Webb, Coach Gass, Tiffany Hensen, Stephanie Smith, April Plebanski 3rd Row Megan Minaugh, Melissa Steapleton, Michelle Paul, Tracy Pikorz.

KEEPING SPIRIT HIGH

CHERLEADERS INCREASE MORALE

It's about teamwork, can influence the outprac- come of a game without ever being on the a n d field.

"If we can get the They crowd going, it helps the guys get pumped up,"saidjunior Chrissy Dovle.

This year's squad tried to support various school events. Along with football and boys' basketball,

they attended baseball. girls' basketball and for the first time cheered at a wrestling meet. But they didn't stop with sports; the girls even painted a banner for the auditorium wall to support the school

"When you're a cheerleader, vou're promoting school spirit throughout the school, "saidcosponsorDiana Kovecsi.

Whether it be with banners, window painting or cheering, thecheerleaders wanted to show their support for everyone.



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crowd. Cheerleaders

keeping spirit high was



leading the crowd in a cheer, the squad kept up the crowd morale



Theering on the basketball team, sophomore Angie Stout keeps the crowd alive. Stout cheered







"It's not necessarily running a lot of laps, but you do have to stick together in order to look good out there."

- Susan Garibay

Aloha!



Whilemostpeople break freezing in Varsity Cheerleader Cheryl Blythe and Pantherette Amy Brown soaked up some rays while performingin Hawaii. But they didn't waste their time lying in the sun, they practiced hard in order to perfom in the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25, 1995, Blythe earned this honor after competing with approximately 150 other seniors.

"I met a lot of people and the practice was hard, but it was worth it," said Blythe.



Left to right: Jeanette Vickery, Laura Johnson, Cheryl Blythe, Audra Vrane, Danielle Kovecsi, Chrissy Doyle.

A DIFFERENT STYLE

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Runnin' to, but to, but 1995-96 And Girls' basketb a 1 1 Gunnin' squad seemed

> with new Head Coach Tim

Transitions are often Powers. Powers and his up-tempo style were brought in from Indianapolis Cathedral. This fresh new approach was a great transition not only for

the fans to watch, but for the players as well. "The style we played with this season was a lot quicker. We had fun and kind of appreci-

ated the game more,"

said senior Co-captain

Coach Power's new style paved the way for a quick team and made them work together.

"The practices were a little hard to get used to at first, but once we got used to the routine. they didn't seem too hard. We had quicker fast breaks and develped team unity." senior co-captain lessica Furman commented on the season.

With an up-tempo game and several players moving up from the I.V. and Freshmen ranks, next season's girls' basketball team should prove to be very exciting. - Scott Reese

Banking it off the glass, junior for two years. - Victor Garcia





Taking a break from the action, juniors Heather Fliter relax on the bench. The Panthers finished with a 4-15 record. -Mike Poggorny



Pulling up for the "J", senior Lori LaPosa throws it off the backboard. LaPosa was one of three







"I tried to be a good leader and make everyone work harder when they didn't want to. I tried to help everyone getalong." - Jessica Furman

GHS

Opp. Lake Station Lowell Calumet 48 Morton River Forest Wheeler Bishop Noll Hanover Central 48 Highland Oregon Davis 56

Hebron Sectionals Highland 41

Roosevelt

Clark

40

All-Conference Tania Fliter



Top Row: Erin Leonard, Tania Fliter, Kari Osmulski, Wendy Irvin, Jessica Furman, Lori LaPosa, Katie Rivich, Becky Rhyne, Head Coach Tim Powers 2nd Row: Mgrs. Julie Stucky, Megan Mimnaugh, Tabitha Wintczak, Barbie Kender, Lisa Chrismon, Heather Cundiff, Mgrs. Dawn Gervais, Kelsey Haldi, Amanda Vanek

CHANGING ALL

SETTING A PICK FOR A WIN

Panthers the floor. ready to strike at their com-Thev feel the

the past years with coach Ron Diviak. The step on players and the fans wonder, will new Head Coach Tom Wells lead the Panthers to victory or end up in the losers column.

Wells, in his first year coaching the Panthers, made big drastic changes. He revamped Diviak's style of pen-

The crowd and think about etration offense, junior Kevin Schaller commented

"Wells is more of a run and gun coach. He likes the 3 point shot, while Diviak liked to work it inside more often," said Schaller.

Junior Dan Anderson said that Wells had a good floor plan to follow for their offense.

"We had good shooters, so we might as well have used them. He's also strict on defense," said Anderson.

Next year Wells will have a season under his belt while the players style. The Panthers will be a team to reckon -Kyle Hecht

Manufacturing a shot, sophomore Adam King puts up a prayer. The Panthers had a





Staring down the hoop, junior Dan Anderson Anderson was a big contributer both on offense -Mike Podeorny



Looking for the outlet, junior Rick Smith tries to find a teammate to pass to. Smith was a key

-Mike Podvornu







"If Wells says to shoot 3's I'm all for it. Most of my points come off of offensive rebounds. I took more charges and avoided foul trouble more this year to get the points."

- Kris Matson

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48	Lake Station	54
85	Whiting	60
83	Hebron	62
51	Highland	53
72	Hobart	70
53	River	62
	Forest	
48	Noll	76
72	Clark	66
64	Munster	69
62	Crown Point	74
56	Hammond High	77
45	Lowell	66
56	Sectionals Calumet	62

All Conference Mike Sherry Kevin Schaller



Top Row: Renee Reyna, Dan Falda, Tony Nelson, Kevin Schaller, Kris Matson, Mike Sherry, Dan Anderson, Steve Lehmann, Jim Terpstra, Jeremy Skura, Rick Smith, Adam King, Second row: (coach) Fire Schilling, thead coach) Tom Wells, (coach) 891 Smith, Front row: (managers) Tina Helt, Belh Moehl

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PANTHERS SWEAT іт Оит

> ture his competitor. His anger builds as he psyches himself up for the match. Pride and victory overcome the exhaustion as he pins another victim.

"It doesn't really hit you 'til a few hours later that you've won. but when it does it's a good feeling," said

Sizing up his oppo- senior Ryan Gootee.

Senior Kevin Messmer thought the new coaches were an excellent change for the

"We had better practices with more drills and mat time. We saw a lot of improvement. especially with the underclassmen. They really stepped up and surprised us," said Messmer.

The team agreed that hard work and dedication will create future success. They hope to achieve more wins than this year and place farther in tournament play.

-Vanessa Cutka



Searching for the right move, freshman left Vessell Rensselaer Invite. -Victor Garcia



Preparing to take down his opponent, sophomore Shawn Andriessen adjusts his grip. Andriessen has been wrestling for four years and this year



year.

sing the



Ipplying the cradle, senior Kevin Messmer wins on technical fall. Messmer, an eight year wrestler, was a semi-state qualifier this season. -Victor Garcia







"The atmosphere was more laid-back this season, but we still got everything done. If the team keeps improving like they did this year, they'll have some great seasons." -Ryan Gootee

GHS

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Kankakee Valley 36 Highland 41 24 Lake Central 43 Munster Clark Calumet

Lowell Super Dual Highland

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Sectional Regionals

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Sectionals

New School Records Jerime Wargo

Bob Blessing, Jerime Boganwright, Dave

Dave Schaffenberger,



"I'm very satisfied with the swim season as an individual and a team. Coincidentally, I didn't think I'd be that big of an asset to the team."

- Glen Boganwright



Dan Santare, 2nd Row Coach Rob Gass, Mgrs Suzanne Wargo, Amy Sears, Aaron Johnson, David Schaffenberger, Glen Boganwright, Bottom Row David DeLauro. Bob Blessing, Eric



Broken Records

If you listen care-

History's Best Season

fully, y o u might be able to hear t h e breaking of several records, a chant

pumping the guys up for Gavit, or you may have seen the senior cocaptain carrying a

record bearing the number 1:50.00. Intensity was the main ingredient for the most sucessful season in the boys' swimming his-

"At first I didn't think we'd do as good as we did. We got better as the season went on," recalled senior Tom Taylor.

The broken records were in the 100 yard breast stoke by Wargo, and in both relays, the 200 yard medley and

"After we broke the 200 meter medley relay record in sectionals, we went in the parking lot and each grabbed a side of the record bearing the number 1:50.00 and broke it over a fire hydrant, said senior lerime Wargo.

A record season, full of suprises, success, and a remembered saying, "Courage and pride equal success." - Bret Elam

leading for the water, sophomore George Scott leaps off the starting block as he warms up before a meet. The team broke three records this



Starting into h dive sentor losh Irvingets tullextension Irvin was the only diver on this year's team. This season was the best season in season in season in season on history.



Buring the five hundred free, senior I om I aylor signals to sophomore Curtis Lamm to let him know how many laps he has left. Victor Garcia



Sophomore Kevin Riese and junior Dave DeLauro wait in anticipation for the diving score. The rest of the team waits behind them -Victor Garcia

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185	Morton	211
188	Whiting	201
220	Crown	174
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178	Highland	172
191	Noll	187
207	Munster	157
176	Clark	247
172	Gavit	162
172	Hammond	209
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	Invite	
194	Merrillville	177
7th	L.C. Invite	
183	River Forest	207
183	Lake Station	209

Sectionals- 6th



"We were pretty consistant this year. We got 5th in conference which is pretty good."

-Bob Blessing



Top Row: Joel Bratton, Barry Walker, (Head Coach) Larry Parker, Jeremy Boilek, Bob Blessing: 2nd Row: Noah Zondor, Ryan Melton, Jason Carroll, Nick Brownfield, Tim Turkowski, Tim O'Connell: Front Row: Tim Kulinski, Tony Papa





PLAYERS LEARN MORE

When a little boy next year. takes his first steps onto a mini-golf course maybe he wants to go pro, maybe just high school. The varsity Squad here at Griffith isn't full of pros, but it is full of quality

Sophomore Jeremy Boilek commented on the comparison of last year to this year.

"I think this year we had a better team. If we could've surpassed each other and played as a team, we would've won more," said Boilek.

With the absense of seniors on the team this season, the team was a little inexperienced but

Chipping the ball, sophomore

"I did better than last vear.I also learned more from going to sectionals for the first time. I was shooting somewhere in the 40's," said sophomore Ioel Bratton.

Iunior captain Bob Blessing is ready to throw Griffith's hat into the sectional ring "We'd like to be a

darkhorse

Sectionals next vear and ruin someone else's party," s a i d Blessing

- Kule

Hecht

Young TEAM REBUILDS







Shooting a put, jumor Bob Blessing tries to sink the put for par. Blessing served as the team



Taking a stroke, sophomore Jeremy Boilek goes

Golf 125 Kyle Hecht

GIVING IT ALL

GOING heading for the fin a l THE EXstretch. She knows TRA MILE shehas cept we won the tokeep

t h e lead or the team will lose the

She rounds the cor- meet. She gives it evn e r erything and crosses the finish line as the winner. Excitement and adrenaline pushed the girls' track team to do their best

"We did about the same as last year, ex-Munster Invite. We really pulled together for that meet," explained iunior Michele Aldrin.

Midway through the season the team had some quality people leave. The team stepped up and pulled through to complete the season and finish strong.

"I was sad after they left, but it was their decision,"said junior Amy Zagrocki, "I didn't have to run any extra events but it still upset me."

The season was successful with regional qualifiersAmy Zagrocki in the 1600m run and the 4x400 reagain went to state to compete in the 3200m run.-Bret Elam

Reaching for her teammate.





Jun ping over a loam hurdle, sophomore Kara Moore practices for an upcoming meet. Moore was also on the 4x400 that qualified for



liming for distance, junior Michele Aldrin







"It was harder for the team because some of our runners had to compete in more events due to the fact that people quit."

-Michele Aldrin

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Top Row: Coach Kelli Dijak, Darci Biesc at, Tennille Grasha, Rachel Nichols, Michele Forster, Wendy Irvin, Jenny Dalach, Jessica Meece Head Coach Bernie Carrie Hanshaw, Angela Summers, Jenny Spiegle Tania Fliter, 3rd Row, Amy Belcher, Michele Aldrin, Taryn Vrane, Nicole Pleskanka, Beth Wilson, Shannon

Girls' Track

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KUNNING AHBAD

and the Success of de-WITH TEAMWORK

t h e track t e a m had a taste of both with an undefeated regular

The thrill of victory and conference season. and then a close loss to Highland for the conference championship.

When they worked together, success was

evident "The team scored a lot of points. Not as much individual.but with teamwork," said

junior Steve Long. Determined upperclassmen stepped up to be sure their vounger teammates would be able to replace them.

"The upperclassmen pushed us when we started to slack off." said sophomore Chris Tomsci.

The guys soon realized that complete dedication was im-

"We had over 50 kids run track this year and if you're not dedicated enough, there is always someone ready to take your place," said Long.

In the end the athletes put all differences behind them and supported their teammates -Vanessa Cutka

With high jump. Boganwright also





Stretching before his 4x100 relay, senior Ryan Gootee waits for the event to be announced. Gootee also competed in the 400 and 200



Making his way around the track, sophomore Bryan Duncy







"I would like to see the team be more aggressive, because it's not who's better it's who wants it more."

- Ibrahim Brewer

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TEAM MOVES AHEAD

TOP PLAYERS EXCEL

success are huge aspirations that all share. For the past several

vears. the girls' softball teams

Competitiveness and have gone a long way in attaining both of these goals.

This years' team was no different as they advanced to the title game of the Merrillville teams sectional. Unlike past years, the team exceeded many peoples' expectations.

With the loss of several key players due to graduation, many

skeptics surfaced. Senior catcher Katie Reinschreiber commented on the success of this year's team.

"We continually improved and always were competitive, "said Reinschreiber.

The Lady Panthers also featured one of the areas top players in senior Betsy Blessing.

Blessing was rated team MVP, Senior Athlete of the Year, and First Team All Confer-

The upcoming team looks promising. "The juniors have already shown what they can do,"said Blessing.

-Scott Reese

Sliding into home, senior Betsy Blessing scores another run for the Lady Panthers, Blessing led





felebrating a victory, some of the players show their excitement after a game. The Lady Panther's



Scooping it up, sophomore Danielle Garnett fields a grounder. Garnett also pitched for the Lady







"I think we'll do well next year if everyone plays hard and comes together."
-Laura Steinhubel

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10	Hammond	
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4	Whiting	
4	Kankakee Valley	
4	Highland	
10	Calumet	
1	Morton	
6	Munster	
0	Portage	
1	Lowell	
0	Hanover Central	
10	North Newton	
	Sectionals	
4	Highland	
14	Calumet	
0	Merrillville	-



Top Row: Assistant Coach Tim Devitt, Head Coach Bruce Turner, Betsy Blessing, Sarah Mazzocco, Jenniier Linders, Assistant Coach Dave Turner, Assistant Coach Ed Flores 2nd Row. Becky, Rhyne. Natalie Miller. Katie Reinschreiber, Danielle Garnett, Nanette Campos, Nikki Neighbors Bottom Row: April Nelson, Laura Steinhubel, Bethany Morris, Diane Canady, Michelle Adame



Lake Station Clark Noll Morton Munster Whiting Lake Central Hammond Clark Morton Gavit Noll Highland Munster Hammond Crown Point Lowell

Morton



"We could've done better. We made alot of mental mistakes. We also didn't execute when we needed to."

-Sal Aguilar





Top row: (Managers) Angela Bishop, Heidi Terpstra, (wach) Ere Schilling, (Head Coach) Todd Iwema. (scaches) Bob Hattenbach. Steve Invurious; Brain Tomplans. (Manageri Rachel Dune; a'aff Rów: Shane Roddle; Eric Calèle, Mike Callender, Imi Terpstra. Kevin Schieller, Tomy Nelson. Eric Berson. 2nd Row: Dave Falda. Dan Ahart, Bret Elam, Eric Schillz, Mike Childehime, Mike Chenowith: Erich Row: (Bla Boy) elfek (Rosposake), (Boh Fee, Isustn Labdad, Dat brob) Brana Kimi.





Highs and Lows

When a gambler takes his seat at the poker table he doesn't know what he is going to be dealt. He hopes for a strait flush but all he gets is a lousy pair of deuces. Sometimes he wins, sometimes he loses

Senior Erik Benson described the Varsity Baseball team like that lonely gambler.

"We had our ups and downs during the season. We were decent in our gameall around. we just couldn't produce the runs," explained Benson.

Sometimes when the poker player looks at his cards he sees very good cards, but to-

Watching the starters, the bench

and couldn't beat a decent hand. Junior Dan With Ahart explained.

"We had great individual players, but something kept us the team apart. We probably could have done better if we would have come forward together," said Ahart.

When the card player loses a nights game he looks foward

gether they're nothing to better luck the next

night. classmen should be

bright

Team Roller-Coasters

next season. -Kyle Hecht







attempts to put one out. "Korzo" was a major

Baseball 133 Kyle Hecht

Winning isn't Everything

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f u 1 ? CONFIDENCE WORK, dedication a n d

cheering on their team-

What makes a team mates. This year the losses didn't put a stop girls'tennisteam worked hard on not just improving their game, but also boosting morale and keeping up their enthusiasm

> "I feel that by the end of this season our morale was improved greatly," said senior captain Sara Miller.

Even almost total

to their excitement

"If we lost, at least we had fun losing," said Coach Tim Maluga.

Besides staying positive, the seniors were also concerned about the ability of the underclassmen replacing them next year.

"I hope the underclassmen will take a leadershipattitudeand work hard to improve their strokes," said Miller

This proved to be an enthusiastic season for the team as the girls joined together to express true team unity. -Lydia Whitehead

Tossing up the serve, freshman





Morking out in the weight room, junior Chrissy Doyle tones her triceps. The team worked out twice a week as a part of conditioning



deeping her eye on the ball, senior Sara Miller works on her forehand. This season Miller advanced to state where she placed in the top 12.







ple getting suspended at the end of the season, I think all in all we did good and improved."

- Beth Hudacin





Top Row: Angie Rauscher, Lydia Whitehead, Tracy Zabek, Monica Busovsky, Valerie Roper, Coach Tim Maluga 2nd Row: Chrissy Dovle Heather Wright, Kim Sines, Beth Hudacin, Fay Netos :Front Row: Christina Barriga, Melissa White, Sara



"I felt I needed to do something. I missed playing soccer so much that I had to join track. Track was harder because we had to run six miles a day."

-Chuck Hartman



betting his ankle taped up, Senior Ryan Hubbard utilizes one of the team Managers. Hubbard also participated in Track where he was a giant contributor. -Victor Garcia





Juggling Sports

A typical student's school day lasts about seven hours. For athletes, however, their day may run between eleven to fourteen hours. With the additional stress of having to maintain good grades, many people may find playing one sport unbearable. Several GHS students compete in two sports, some are involved in as many as three. Senior Ryan Gootee has been involved in four sports, football, track, wrestling and soccer. Gootee explained why he was involved.

"I started playing different sports when I

Running past all defenders, senior Ryan Gootee tries for was younger so I fig- I didn't get better ured it would be stupid for me quitting in high school," explained Gootee.

Senior Monica Busovsky uses grades as a motivation for being in sports. Busovsky has been involved in volleyball, soccer a nd

"It helped me get better grades. I knew if

play." Playing multiple sports is time consuming but the rewards

PLAYING YEAR ROUND

at the end are fantastic. -Scott Reese .Kule Hecht







Blocking a defender, senior Bo Radtke takes



Pribbling down court, senior Jessica Furman starts her break-away to the rim. Furman has been a

2-Sport Standouts 137 Kyle Hecht

Second Best

WATCHING WAITING WANTING

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n a m e catcher hit a homerun of the to win the game, or the game All-conference center for all dunk one in the oppononnents face. Then excitingly cheering and ers.. wishing it was them. Watch-J.V. players waiting, anticipating a chance

to play in the game. While some J.V. players never even smell the field in a var-

Patience. It's the touch-down, or the star sity game, others have gotten some playing time. Junior Jeremy Skura played quite a bit on varsity this season for the football team.

"I got to do a lot of kicking on varsity this season," Skura replied, "We had three different kickers that we rotated around alot, but I still got a lot of good time."

Through the watching, waiting and wanting it all, J.V. players remain the varsity teams greatest fans. Cheering and hoping for a chance to one day be on varsity.-Bret Elam

Watching the runners in front





Preparing to shoot, junior Steve Lehman is being



Struggling to get away, sophomore Dave Lopez









"I pinch ran varsity a few times and got to play in the B game against Lake Central but mostly I played J.V."

- Shawn Andriessen



Exciting the crowd, J.V. cheerleaders Karen Jensen and Susan Garaby strutt their stuff. J.V cheerleaders help cheer with Varsity and learn what it takes to be the best—*Mike Podgorny*

Exploratory Teaching

Doesn't everyone dream of switching places with the teacher, being the one standing in front giving commands. That's exactly what some of the seniors got to experience. Exploratory teaching is an elective offered to certain seniors who were interested in pursuing a career in the teaching field.

SWITCHING PLACES

"I wanted to experience teaching because that's what I plan on doing as a career, and I want to make sure it's what I really want to do,"explained senior

Betsy Blessing.

While they are there, students do various things with the students such as helping with homework and certain class projects.

"I start the day off by getting their lunch count, going over the day and date, and saying the pledge of alligence with them," said senior Nancy Swender.

More than teaching skills were developed by the students. They developed a relationship with their students and have been looked up to "I've formed such close bonds with the kids, and I feel that they look up to me. That's why I try to do and act my best to set a good example in front of the kids," commented senior Matt Schutter.

Being both a teacher and a student might have gotten confusing at times, but making sure that teaching was what they wanted for the future wasn't. All the students agreed that trying teaching before actually making the choice of being one was a major plus.

-Melanie Fetsch





Writing the day and month on the board senior Kelly Creviston prots "neatly". Creviston goes to Beiriger every morning to help Mrs. Hudson-Itil Troksa





Attracting the crowd, senior Tom Taylor helps out his 5th lor is one of only two male exploratory teachers. Jill Troksa

Helping to learn spelling is just one of the things' senior Valerie Webb helps her class with. This year bad more cadet teachers



If there is anyone who is thinking about being a teacher I would strongly suggest they try the **Exploratory Teaching Program.**-Betsy Blesing





Working to set a good example, senior Matt Schutter helps his fifth graders with problems. Schutter enjoys the bonds he s planed on going into a career

Cadet Teachers 141 Melanie Fetsch

Area Career Center

Time to wake up! Many students had to avoid pressing their snooze button and force themselves out of bed. No matter how warm and cozy they were, they knew they had to make it to the Hammond Area Career Center on time.

"Since I moved to Lake of the Four Seasons I have to get up an hour early just to make it to the career center." said senior

LEARNING THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Despite the sleeping factor, students still did it because they appreciated the feeling of respect they received.

"I really like the career center. They don't treat us like childen, they treat us like adults," explained senior Heather Baldwin.

Many classes offered at the career center were taken as an alternative to making college plans.

"My brother told

how there are classes to take instead of college," explained senior Seglinde Gliem.

The students that attended the career center believed it helped them prepare for their future as well.

"When I finish the course I plan on being a cosmotologist.

The students agreed that their time at the career center was well spent.



car, juniors Ben Martin and Brian make the car smooth. Auto

I like going to the career center because it gives me time away from school and I can learn a new trade. I also enjoy it because I can spend more time with my girlfriend. -Adam Govert



While working with a special lathe used for cutting metal, sentor as in Higgins works on his latest project. This was Higgins second year attending the special trade school in Hammond.

Cleaning off the color from her supplies, senior Heather Baldwin works at the shampoo bowl. Baldwin took the cosmology cours to give her some background when whe goes to beauty school. -Carrie Hamili





Annie Annie are yog okay!" Senior Trina Clendenen demonstrates C. P. R. at the career center. Clendenen is taking the course in preparation to become a nurse. - Carrie Hamill

Academic 7eams

LEARNING "Your group's question is, how far is the United States from Russia and how many bodies of water do you Academic team

members had to struggle to try to answer as many and sometimes like these as they can.

"I feel the science team could have done a lot better even though we did win first place. Out of

twenty-five questions. we only got eighteen correct," said junior Dave DeLauro.

Being involved in the academic competition takes a lot of hard work and great effort.

ery week and attend all of the meetings to help me prepare a lot more," said senior

Even though the academics, many students found new

ways to keep each other entertained.

"We hooked up Ruth lewett with this guy from Morton. We also had fun running aroundin Merrillville's hall-Heather Wright.

It took a lot of skill and brain power to be competitions and students discovered that it was more than they bargined for.



the fans to cheer at the Academic



ON YOUR OWN TIME

Chrissy Doyle would scream and yell "way to go Griffith" every time the teams would answer a question correctly. -Dave DeLauro





Concentrating In the big mitch, sophomore Grace Convers comes before the test. Convers plans to be on a team in the future. Jerme Wargo



studying over some Enginest papers, senior Aaron Johnson recalls the things he needs to remember for the log competition. This was folinson's sec ond year on an academic team--lerime Wargo

Studying over some English

Thinking it over, junior Amy Belcher takes a spelling quiz The team placed second in the Spell Bowl. Angie Summers

1. Z.s & Aides LEARNING ON YOUR OWN TIME

Many thought being a teacher's aide would be an hour for them to relax from a strenuous curriculum. But many got more than what

"I thought being Mr. Cornwell's aide was going to be easy. Boy was I wrong. He makes me grade his papers, enter them in his book and in the computer. He doesn't give me much time to do the stuff I want to do," complained junior aide Jackie Shebish.

On the other hand many were happy with their choice to become student aides.

"I enjoy being nurse's aide. I help her keep an agenda and when students need them. But other than that, she gives me time to do what I want."

Another popular choice among students was an independent research, a class hour where they accomplish certain projects.

"I have my I.R. with

Miss Kloser, who teaches the special education kids. I help her come up with projects for the kids and help them to finish. I wanted to work with the handicapped kids because I plan on going into nursing for kids with special needs," explained se-

Choosing an I.R. or being an aide was a decision that sometimes reflected students futures and their





Office aide junior Susan Serratore serts through teacher's mill Being an office aide involved doing things such as answering phones and sorting mail. -Angle Summers





I sing her free time wisely, senior Denise Palurki tries to finish her sewing assignment. Aides were often given time to work on their own things after finishing their teachers work. After handing out passe guidance aide senior Mike Ramero studies for his big bio 3-4 test. Many advanced biology students used much of their free class time cramming Angie Summers.



When I got my schedule, they scheduled me as Mr. Hastings' aide and student in the same semester. I'd be making copies of the test I'd be taking the next day. -Danielle Kovesci



While spending his hour as librarian aide, senior Brian Belcher puts books back where they belong. The library had at least one aide per hour. Making sure no one ditched, senior Cortney Spillman double checks attendence. The attendence office needed two aides per hour to get the job done all the or Garcia.

Computer Technology

Where else can you type a report, listen to a C.D., play solitare, or research a topic but on a computer? Thanks to technology, computers have made life much easier. People can go on-line with other parts of the world, or surf on the internet.

MOVIN' ON

UP

The internet serves multiple purposes which included generating information. Senior Jamee Harkins used the internet to help her do different types of research for one of her Panther Press stories.

"It was easier to use the computer than do research in books. Everything was there on the screen, and it told me exactly what to do." Harkins said.

Another commom use for computers is typing term papers or reports for school.

"Typing reports on my computer is much easier than writing it by hand because I can fix all of my mistakes, and it's overall faster than a typewriter," said sophomore David Wilcoven

Besides school related works, computers are part or our everyday lives. Computers are used to schedule daily TV programs and print out newspapers. But for the most part students find playing games the most interesting.

"In Mr. Iwema's class, he lets us play games when we're done with our work," said sophomore Angie Mattozzi.

Whether playing or on-line, students utilize the computers as much as possible because they all know, computers are the future. Melissa White



lem on AutoCad, senior Chris Van Gorp works in Mr. Parker's computer design class. This class is for juniors and seniors only. Jerune Wargo. Taking advantage of the computers, senior Aaron Stagl pulls up a picture for Panther Press. The journalism department acquired three new computers this year, Jerune Waran.





Scanning photos onto his computer, Mr Foss keeps himself busy while his class works Fossteaches computer applications 1&2. Jerime Wargo

Busy typin seniors Jason Hippand Jame loreswork on their assignments. Computer applications was offered to all grade levels -fermic Wargo



Computers are very important because they are a big part of our lives and nowadays almost everything is computer operated. -*Vicole Aloia*





Finished with her work, senior Ann Purgert tries to solve the puzzle. Students enjoyed playing games when they finished with work -bring Ware.

Flipping pages in his computer book, senior Josh Irvin works to finish his assignment. Computer applications class was a popular class.-Jerime Wargo

Computers 149 Melissa White Checking out the in ished pot-tery, senior Keyia Polus ri-tiques his work, Polus plans on pursuing a tuture career in the art field. Angle Summers



Being comfortable while drawing is important as sophmore Amanda Smigla shows.Each student had his own style of drawing. Angle Summers



Mr. Graff's art students are concentrating on drawing on their model. Occasionally the class used visual ards to help them draw. Angie Summers



Art Class

As art students stroll in to the art room everyday, they usually think about the many different things they love to make and draw.

"Ireally enjoy making many different types of potery including mugs," said junior Sam Abdulla.

Other students tried to extend their knowledge. Many did so by learning how to use the press molds and other types of machinery used to make

terv

"I enjoy making all kinds of pottery. I also like to use the press molds and making slab vases," commented junior Eric Thomas.

Some of the students enjoyed doing other things in class with their spare time.

"I like to do my homework when we have a free day inclass. I also like to talk to my friends about our plans for the day," said junior Bethany Oole Other people have a different perspective of drawing and art.

"I like to express death in my art. I also like to include lots of skulls,"said senior Keyin Polus.

Though some students aren't interested in art as a career, they still enjoy the pottery class. Many of the advanced students planned to attend college to study more aboutart.

JUST CLAYING AROUND

Carrie Hamil

Leafing thru a megazingfor some inspersion senior Brian
Daugherty
plans his next
project
Many students needed
a source of inspiration to
come up with
new ideas.

Angie Sum



I feel that GHS has helped me prepare for my desired career. Mrs. Keithley helped me out in sewing and Mr. Graff helped me with drawing. -Denise Palucki

Art 151 Carrie Hamill

4.P.C.& Aerobics the game. Because leg stren KEEPING FIT FOR FUN

" No pain, no gain" pression used by many people during a very hard, tiring, vet sweaty workout. Several students felt that taking aerobics and advanced physical a very good idea. Many of them recomand also felt that these classes would really help them keep in shape and strengthen them more for sports.

"I took aerobics because I couldn't take a exercise because I don't get enough outside of school," re-Shannon Jones.

While most of the females take aerobics. it's the male population that is involved in advanced physical conditioning, primarely to help condition for sports.

" I took A.P.C to lift tion more for football and basketball so I can become stronger for the game. Because of this, my leg strength hasincreased junior Kris Matson.

in school, many students found time outside of school to go to the gym and work out.

After all of the strenous workouts these students went through to produce a buff looking bod, the tually paid off. Being the 90's.



While working out in aerobics class, sophomore Susan Garaby does the "sizzle" along with Richard Simmon's Garaby took aerobics to help







Spotting for safety purposes Junior Mike Tsartsis spots sophomore Andy Kohut on the bench press. They both had A.P.C. during sixth hour. Laughing their way through their workout, seniors Amy Hill and Cortiny Spillman make the hour on by faster The girls took the class to stay in shape. - Ingre Summers



I took A.P.C. to help me improve in football and to just workout because I have no time with football going on.-*Darick Korzeniewski*



Bulking up, junior Mike Stout works out on the incline press. Stout took advanced physical training to stay in shape all year round, in and out of footStrengthening his legs during a workout in A.P.C., runior Matt Davis makes use of the leg press. Davis played on the varisity football team this year.

Walking into french class senior Chuck Hartman shows off his 'son' Eddie. The idea behind the plants ws to teach the kids that perenting is hard to do. Anor Summers

Sharing her puzzle, junior Laura Steinhubel helps put it together. Mrs.Karthlev's Child Development class made puzzles for the first grade at Franklin-Angie Summers.





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You learn and have fun at the same time. Mrs. Keithly is a great teacher and makes the class even better. -Fric Cable



While visiting Franklin's first grade, senior le saca Furman is read to. The mild development class wrote books for the kids as a project. Angie Summers

During the baby food taste test, senior Herdi Kunkemoeller dislikes the thought of its taste. Students had to guess the food by taste only. Victor Garcia





Child Development & Adult Prep THE FACTS OF LIFE

Growing up is hard to do, but teachers like Mrs. Keithley and classes like adult prep easier and a lot less confusing.

cause now I know how I've learned the proper Clendenen.

In adult prep, Mrs. Keithley had students do various projects guys to iron, girls to change tires to the most noticeable one. the "plant babies." By taking care of a plant, realizing the responsibility of something depending on them to

"At first I didn't like it (plant baby) because it was just another thing to carry around, but know I like to take care of them. I got the twins, they're kind of fun," said senior Eric Cable

cussed in classes some of student's fu-

"We've watched so many videos on giving birth and raising kids all that pain and trouble, I don't think I have the pain tolerance or patience to have kids," commented senior lamee

Most students classes did help them to understand more about life from an

"It's fun and you can learn a lot about life, other people, and vourself," said Cable.





with her plant baby Students of Mrs. Keithley's adult prep classes had to care for a plant as

Adult Prep / Child Development 155 Melanie Fetsch

Free 7ime

Sitting in class hour after hour taking notes all day can get boring at times and cause the mind to wander. Many teachers understand this and try to avoid it whenever possible. Whether it be by allowing time to socialize or educating outside of the every-day classroom.

CIMME A BREAK

"I appreciate the way Miss Weber let's us talk to her before we start class, that way we can concentrate on what we're doing and not on what's going on in my head." said junior Kristi Ramsev.

Some teachers went as far as setting up field trips so students can learn out of the classroom. Every semester Mr. Dalton takes his sociology classes to Kuiper's Funeral Home in Highland to learn about the death process.

"When we went to the funeral home Mr. Kuiper showed us all the caskets and explained what kind of decisions the families had to make," said junior Kerry Moriarty.

One of this year's new Spanish teacher,

Mrs. Coddington, took her fourth year spanish class to El Camino Real to experience a real Mexican feast

"When we went to lunch for Spanish, we had to order our food all in Spanish. Mrs. Coddington even told us we could only talk to our friends in Spanish while we were there too," exclaimed senior Nicole Naleva.

Whether being taught in a classroom or somewhere else, the learning and the teaching had to get done.

-M elanie Fetsch



ing the roof of her randy house, conjor house, conjor house, conjor with the house her work. It took the child develop ment class about two weeks to complete this seas on a l project -Bryan Duncy

I hate it when we do the same thing everyday in a class. It gets boring after a while and makes it hard to pay attention. *Nicole Nalega*



Trying to clim a baby with a pacifirer, senior. Margaret Kinncinch talks to her. Child development field a day care to learn and understand how different aged children react. Victor Carria



Enjoying some free time in English, juniors Sara Beihl and Natalie Miller exchange algebra II tips. Many students used free time in class to catch up on another assignment -Kascy



Chowing down on his Mexican meal at El Comino Real, senior Joey Robles unjoys his lunch. Mrs. Coddington took her

tourth year spanish class to El Camino Real to taste a real Mexican feast in a Mexican atmosphere Actor Garcia

Recruiting sophomores for ICE Reinschreiber speaks to sophomore English classes. Reinschreiber served as the Holding a little girl, senior Christy Loudenber spends her time baby-sitting for extra cash. The little girl Loudenber cared for had Cerebral Palsy.





In ICE class, we learn how to deal with angry customers and many on the job problems. We also gained on the job experience.-Michelle Taylor



Working as a dish washer at Rob Ganz pleases his custom
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7. C. E.

"Hi, welcome to Mc Donalds. Would you like to try one of our extra value meals?"

"No thank you, but you did forget my fries. Every time I come here you forget something in my order. This is crazy!"

"Okay ma'am, I'm really sorry about that. Your fries are coming right up."

Dealing with angry customers is one way of gaining on the job experience.

"In ICE class, I learned many different aspects of the business world, like how to deal with employees. It also helped me with the on the job experiences that I need to survive in the working world today," said se-

nior James Okeley.
Others had different ideas about ICE class and the different things learned in it.

"I learned about the different things employers expect from you during an interview and the different types of questions they ask. I also learned how to fill out and what to write on a job applications of can get aiob." said senior John

Yanek.

Besides learning about the different aspects of jobs during classtime, ICE students also found learning experiences outside of school like at shopping malls.

"We plan on going to Gurnee Mills for a presentation and to learn more about market analysis," said Leslie Jackson, vocational education AND

Many things taught in ICE will help students in their future careers. These things can be used for the rest of their lives

Carrie Hamill





Loading groceries in a customer's car, senior Sarah Haley works as a bagger. Haley worked with her mother at Strack and Van Til's.

- Jerime Wargo

Making conversation, seniors Eric Milton and Amanda Duran work on the marquis in front of the jumor high. Duran left after sixth hour to go to work at Juicy Lucy's. -Jerime

2 CE 159 Carrie Hamill Jamor Josh Greco is glueing his pieces of wood to make a bridge while junior Myre Chidichimo watches Greco and Chidichimo have been good fronds since junior high-Juli Troksa



While working on the bansaw, senior John Kallok cuts a piece of wood for his project. Kallok enjoys building different things in class. BrandWaren



Measuring a piece of wood, sophomore George Scott tries to figure out if the wood pieces will fit together. Scott enjoyed bridge building. -Jill Troksa



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The ITE classes vary from graphic communications to constructing structures. They require a lot of handson work. The handson experience students receive will help them in the future for their desired careers.

"I would like to go to college and pursue a career in the architecture field. I would like to learn more about the CAD system to prepare more for college," said junior Dan Ahart.

Other students took help me through Com-

a different ITE classe to gain knowledge and increase their ability in a certain trade.

"I took construction so I could maybe have better knowledge in building things like houses," said junior Brian Stevenson.

Many students had a different point of view for taking the ITE classes.

"I like working on the computers making drawings and floor plans. I also took a versa CAD class to puter design,"said

Although these classes may seem to be complicated, they actually aren't too bad.

"I like the class. It's not too hard but it's not too easy either. I really wouldn't change anything about it," said junior Amber Haskins.

BUILDING ON

A NEW TRADE

The students enjoyed the different classes becausethey enjoy working with computers and building many different things.-Carrie Hamill

Help me seniorExec Tharp oks Mr Parker for help with his floor plans. Tharp took Parker's CAD class. -Jerime Wargo



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I would like to learn more about the CAD system to prepare more for college. -Dan Ahart

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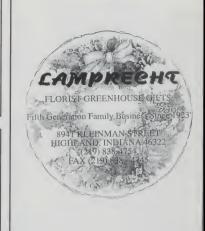
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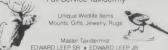


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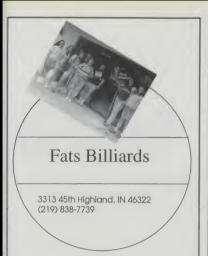


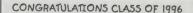
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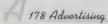
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Michelle.

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Cortney,

Congratulations, Corts! We're very proud of you. We wish you the very best in the future. We hope that all of your dreams come true.

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Eric.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, both academically and athletically. We are very proud of you and welove you very much. We wish you nothing but the best as you begin the next phase of your life. We know that you will go far.

Love, Mom, Dad, Alison, & Josh

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Robbie.

We are so very proud of you. You are our favorite son. These years have gone by so fast. I can't believe you're graduating already! Best of luck and happiness with the rest of

your life. Love You, Dad, Mom, Spud, & Sport



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Mark.

We are so proud of you, and wish you the best of luck in the years to come.

> Love, Mom, Dad, & Kevin

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High school years have now come to an end.

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All of our love we send with you,
But we know your strength and determination will get you through.
Although the best is yet to come,
We just wanted you to know how
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Love, Mom, Dad & Ryan

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This is Panther Country! Remember that famous cheer. How could you forget it? We will never forget your talent. Best of luck as you leave GHS.

Love, GHS Cheerleaders

Kelley Smith

Dear Kelley,

Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating your first birthday, now you are a senior and looking toward adulthood. Always keep that terrific personality and may God bless you in everything you do.

We loveYou, Mom, Dad, & Jordan



Josh Price

Looking forward to a great future for you.

With much love and respect, Grandpa and Grandma

Victor Garcia

Victor Garcia-Querido Nieto:

Te deseamos muchas felicidades en tu graduacion y que Dios este con tigo en tu nueva vida que empiezas.

Tus Abuelitos que te quieren mucho, Alberto y Albeza



Scott Reese

Scott aka Boo-Boo aka #61.

You have made your senior year all you could hope for. Keep reaching for the far and beyonds. We know whatever you do you'll be successful at. Boo-Boo, thanks for all the thrills, a sister couldn't be prouder.

Love,

Dad, Mom, & Cathy

Sheri Keen

Sheri,

The world is yours to conquer. Set your goals high and shoot for the stars.

We'll always be there for you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Doug, & Ryan



Angela Strauch

Dear Angie,
With all my Love
to you. This Christmas won't be the
same, but, in time, the
pain will heal.

Love you so much, Mom

Stephen Kovecsi

Steve.

Best of luck in all you do. We are always here for you. We are very proud, you have a bright shining future ahead of you. Follow your dreams, they can become reality.

Love you always, Mom, Dad, & Danielle



Nate Dross

Nate Dross #73,

"Our Future Cop."
We love you and we're so
proud of you! Thanks for
the exciting football seasons!

Best of luck in college.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Jill Troksa

Congratulations on your high school graduation! It seems like just yesterday you started St. Mary's.

Wherever you go and whatever you do in the future, we will always be there for you. Reach for the stars, Jill. Good Luck in college.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Chris, & Megan



Sara Miller

Princess,

Congratulations, we are very proud of you. We wish you health, happiness, and a car load of spending money. Remember to smile awhile for yourself, Sara.

We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, & Elliott

Melanie Fetsch

Mel.

Congratulations and best wishes always! Be happy! We love having you around! You're a special person and can do anything you put your mind to. Someday you'll have your Mustang!

Love, Mom & Dad



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Kim Cooper

Dear Kim:

We knew you could do it! You've come a long way since you ran away from kindergarten! We love you!

Love--Mom, Terry, Greg, & Robby

Michelle Doyal

Michelle

Congratulations, we knew you could do it. We're proud of you. And we love you.

Aunt Gaye, Uncle Larry, Larry, Josh, Justin, & Jazmyn

Carolyn Redar

Congratulations, Carolyn, on a job very well done. We think you're a special young lady. We wish you lots of great success and happiness.

> Love, Mr. & Mrs. Gootee

Pamela Jastrebski

Dear Pamie.

From the first day that I walked you down that sidewalk to kindergarten at Beiriger, to now that you're graduating, you have made me so proud! I only hope that you succeed at whatever you decide to do, and it brings you even more happiness in your life.

I love you, Sweetie! Mom



Monica Busovsky

Monica Io Busovsky--

May your dreams become a reality. Remember to reach for the stars and be the best you can be. You have brought joy and laughter to my life. My prayer for you is love, laughter, and your very own dream

I love you very much. Mom

Valerie Wright

Valerie.

For everything you have done, for everything that you are, and for all you are yet to be, I love you so very much. You are number one with me!

Congratulations,



John Breclaw

John

You are the best son a mom could ever hope for. I am so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. I am especially proud of the man you have become. I know that your determination, sense of humor, and kindness will bring you success. Thank you for your loving support, and as you face the future, know that I will always be there for you.

Love, Mom

Sarah Gatlin

Dear Sarah,

Our "little Sarah" is a big girl now. And as you head off into the world, we hope you know how very much we love you, how proud we are of you, and that we wish you the best that life has to offer.

Love, Mom, Dad, Allison, & Mallory



Jeremiah Worth

Miah.

You're the greatest brother a girl could ever have. Good luck at college! I'll miss you!

Love always, Amy



Sarah Mazzocco

We love you, we like you, you'll always be our valentine.

We're so proud--Mom, Becca, & David



Amy Hill

Thanks for all the help & being a great friend.

Congratulations, Tammy

Amy Brown

Dear Amy,

From my precious baby to my beautiful lady—how did it go so fast? Had a wonderful time.

Thanks for always making me so proud of you. (Except maybe your driv-

You will do well at I.U and with your life if you stay happy and keep your sense of humor. You can accomplish anything you choose

to do. Thanks for the good times.

Love, Mom



Jennifer Smith

Thanks for being such a great friend. Good luck in everything.

Tammy

Melissa Buckner

Moliees

CONGRATULATIONS!! You have brought so much happiness into our lives. We're so proud of the child you were and the beautiful young woman you have become. May your accomplishments be many and your disappointments few. We wish you the best things life has to offer.

We love you, Mom, Dad, & Stacy

Jeremiah Worth

Thank God for who you are, we are very proud of the fine work you have done to have come this far. You have a great future before you. God bless you.

Mom & Dad

Sarah Smith

Hey, Sarah June Smith! ("Worms")

Congratulations! We wish you love, happiness, and support in all you do.

Love Always,

Mom, Dad, Heather, & Caleb XXXOOO



Tamar Scott

Tamar,

You've come a long way. Baby! I can't begin to express in words or writing the feelings of love and pride I have in my heart for you. You are the dearest and sweetest daughter a mother could ever dream of having. I wish you the best now and in the future. I could never repay for all the years of

happiness you've given me.

Love, Mom



Tracy Zabek

Tracy,

Our little baby now all grown. You've given us so many happy memories. We are so proud of you. May the future bring you happiness. Remember to always believe in yourself and you will succeed.

You will always be our princess.

We love you, Mom & Dad



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Victor Garcia

Stay cool ... Lucy. We expect the best from the best ... Veronica. Hope you make it to the Apricot Center ... Rosi. The sky's the limit ... Isabel. To our first born grandson, we love you very much and we're so proud of you. God bless you!

Love, Grandparents Martinez



Josh Price

You have been a star in our eyes for 18 years. Now it's your turn to reach for the stars. We know you will succeed in whatever you set your mind to.

We love you, Mom, Dad, & Amber



Eric Cable

You have been a wonderful son and brother who has given us so many happy memories and has made all of us so proud! We wish you all the happiness, good health, and good luck that life can give! Good luck in college!!

All our love, Mom, Dad, & Carrie



Betsy Blessing

Betsy,

Since the moment you were born you've been our dream come true. Now it's time to follow your dreams, knowing that we'll always be there for you. Yours is the world and everything that's in it. No parents could be prouder!

We love you, Mom and Dad



Carolyn Redar

Congratulations, Carolyn on your graduation and your many accomplishments at GHS. We are so proud of you. You have growninto a beautiful, smart, and confident young lady. Always hold onto your simplest qualities: your warm smile, your sense of humor, your determination, your ability to be a good listener, and your compassion and love for life. Be happy. We know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

Love, Dad, Mom, & Iessica



Tracy Zabek

Whoodie

I have watched you grow from a pretty little girl to a beautiful woman. I have shown you what's right by usually doing what's wrong. You have always been there for me when I needed you. I hope we always remain close. I'm proud of you.

Congratulations and good luck in college.

Love, Your Favorite Brother



Alison James

Alison

Time sure flew by since you started kindergarten, but you made it! The future is yours and with determination and hard work you'll achieve you goals. Having you as a daughter has been one of life's greatest gifts. Congratulations! We're proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Rob



Jeff Johnson

Congratulations, Jeff. We're so proud of you! Just remember, you can be anything you want to be, you just have to want it. "Forever Young."

Love, Mom, Dad, &, yes, Jacob, too!

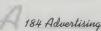


Becky Allen

You did it! You've been the best daughter. Always keep your mind straight ahead. Congratulations! Good luck in college.

> We love ya, Dad, Mom, Lucas, & Amy





Kasey Harris

Congratulations, the "Baby Dab" is graduating. We all love you!!!

> Mom & Dad Mic & Lisa Andrew. Tyler. Baby Scott. Kelly & Toby.

all Buster



Alison James

Alison:

Congratulations to a wonderful granddaughter! We are proud of you and wish you nothing but the best. Keep smiling!

Love.

Busia Lottie Raczkowski &

Grandmother Inez Kerstein



Susan Barriaa

Congratulations Susie!

Throughout your years, you were always waiting for this one special day. You've grown into a beautiful, intelligent young woman, and we know that you are capable of attaining the plethora of goals you have

We love you and we are very proud of you!

Mom, Chrissy, and Billy



Michael Devitt

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it. You've made us proud of what you've become.

> Love. Mom. Dad. & Heather



Nikki Neighbors

I wish I could collect the perfect words, put them in your hands, and close your fingers around them. As you race through the years ahead, don't lose sight of your goals. You have brought us more joy than vou could ever imagine.

> Love. Mom and Dad



Ryan Gootee

Rvan.

Thank you, #22, for all the wonderful memories and joy vou gave us. We couldn't be more proud of you as a son and a brother. We wish good health and happiness for you. Good luck in college.

Love. Mom. Dad. & Keela



Victor Garcia

God made you to be a unique person and His goal for you is to become the best that you can be--that's our goal. too. Be secure in your mission and althat mission. Reach for the stars! We know you can do it! Thanks for being such a good son. We're so very proud of you. Not only do we love you--we respect the young man you've become.

God bless all vour endeavors-Dad & Mom



Heather Teelina

Heath.

Thank you for being the daughter we've always dreamed of. Now it's your turn to fulfill your dreams. Good luck and God bless!

All our Love. Mom & Dad XXX OOO



Nicole Nalepa

Dear Nicole,

I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Your father always said you could do anything you made up your mind to do. If he was still here, he would be admiring his little princess. Keep up the good work.

Love always, Mom



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Victor Garcia

Vic

Even though you knew about this, I hope it is still special to you because you have been pretty special to me. Kids like you make teaching fun—maybe you'll end up teaching jouralism some day and you'll see what I mean. Don't lose your fire. Good luck at Ball State and have fun shooting for 5!!!

Miss Brown



Katie Reinschreiber

Surprise.Katie.

The one thing you didn't know would be in the yearbook! I just wanted one more reminder for you of how incredibly proud of you and your work I am. You are very special to me, and I wish you all the success and happinessin the world. Keep in touch,

I'll miss you.

Miss Brown



Grea Kirk

Croo

I just wanted a permanent reminder for you of what an outstanding editor-in-chief you have been this year and how much I appreciate your hard work. I'm truly going to miss having you around the j-room next year. Have fun at Ball State, and be sure to come back and visit so you can help me grade journalism stories! Seriously, good luck, there is no doubt in

there is no doubt ir my mind that you will be successful. Miss Brown



Heather Teeling

Malibu, We'll miss youat Broadstreet.

Good luck and "keep on your toes" at I.U.

Love, E.B. and Jo



Melanie Scheeringa

Melanie,

Good luck next year at Butler, we'll miss you. We wish you the best in the years to come.

Love, Paco, Corrina, and Davie

Reflector Seniors

Seniors,

Good luck in everything, we wish all of you the best of luck in your next endeavors. We'll miss you!

Love you all, Reflector Underclassmen

Class of Nineteen hundred ninety-six

Seniors,

Good luck in everything you do, we wish you the best in the future. We hope all that you dream will come true. We'll miss you a lot. We'll never forget the good times that we had while you were here.

Luv ya,

Quill & Scroll



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Arom Homecoming to Prom to Graduation, the 1995-96 school year flew by like the speed of light. Before students realized it, sophomores became juniors, juniors became seniors, and seniors said "adios GAS, hello college."

With spring approaching, students were anxious to bust out their shorts, but instead of sun and 80 degrees, rain and 45 degrees swept across Griffith. That didn't stop seniors from wenturing out of town for their ditch day, although there were a few lonely seniors that were forced to come to school as a punishment. Yes, once again the senior party got busted, but no yellow school bustes were required. Hopefully everyone learned a lesson and would be more responsible in the future.

Drugs and alcohol don't mix, and the administration made that clear. The last day before spring break, Mr. Cox announced that we would be having an extended first hour while police and drug dogs searched lockers for illegal narcotics. Students quickly realized drugs at G.H.S wouldn't be tolerated.

The drug search seemed to be the only negative among all of the positives that GAS saw throughout the year. The science and fine arts academic teams placed first at competition while the social studies team placed third. The softball team took the Lake 10 conference title, the Pantherette Squad placed third at state, the football team captured the conference and section! championships, and a number of students were awarded at Recognition Night for their academic excellence. Seniors were also awarded scholarships from various colleges and local funds for excelling in both athletics and academics.

The end of the year was swamped with banquet after banquet where top athletes, club members, and scholars were awarded for their achievments. All awards were well deserved because of outstanding dedication and effort.

As the final few days of school approached, students couldn't wait for their three months of freedom. For the seniors, that three months of freedom would turn into four years of no curfeus or protective parents breathing down their necks. The challenges of college life awaited them. Their hopes and dreams of future success would turn into reality in the Fall of '96 as they begin their journey for a college degree.

Life isn't always easy, escpecially when people's expectations may seem out of reach. The students of GAS put their best foot forward and with every first place finish or sectional championship, they kept the standards high.





flushing her short special minor Julie Stucky accepts her Top 10 short and from Mrs. Speewski. Honor Society sponsored the Top 10 dinner in order to recognize the Top 10 shorton and their favorite teacher's that influenced them the most during their education. The dinner was held in the cafe eteral while Honor Society members were the servers—full Posts.

e at the microphone, senior DECA store manager Tom Grammer, announces his successor for the 9x-95 school year at the DECA Banquet held at Kebey's Steak House. Activities for the right included dinner, distribution of awards, scholarships, and certificates of completion. Seniors State Reinschreiber and Tamar Scott won the DECA scholarship. Scholarship. Scholarship. Scholarship. Scholarship. Scholarship. Scholarship.





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lerime Wargo and junior Sara Behl put up the paper background. The senior Reflector members were putting up the French Forever display. Friends Forever was an inexpensive way for students to gather for one last group picture with friends before school let out for the summer. Ange Summers







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The P295-26 Reflector Staff at Griffith High School, Griffith, Indiana produced the yearbook, Volume 53 throughout the school year. The book was printed by Herff-Jones at 6015 Travis Lane, PO Box 10, Shawner Mission, Kansas. The account was serviced by Herff-Jones representative Sosan Taylor and customer service adviser Julie Bogart.

Reflector Volume 55 was put together in Room S107, commonly known as the J-Room, with 9 Marintosh LLCH computers, a MarintoshHCi, and 3 brand new Power Marintosh 5300 (1001) all using the Pagemaster Elite program. The staff printed all spreads using Laserwriter 1Hc and Laserwriter VT printers and submitted all pages to the publisher on disks.

Editor in thief, katic Reinschreiber, along with the creativity of fellow section editors came up with The Gold <u>Standard</u> as the hook's theme while attending the Herff Jones workshop over the summer. The over design was sketched by the Herff Jones activt. The final design was a vista screened paw on a black matter over. The staff chose gold foil as the accenting color for the theme title and the name stamps. The endsheet was designed by katic Reinschreiber and printed on white stock with rich gold spot color. The 192 pages were printed on Bordeany Paper Stock.

The 1996 edition differed from previous years in that the book was divided into 3 sections instead of 6. Althody copy was set in H point Palatino, and captions were set in 8 point Palatino. Beadfines included Cookie (Organizations). Brushscript (Student Life and Academics). OnsatSports), and Nadianne (Albom). Theme copy included Swing and Onsat

Yearhook pholographers shot more than 300 frames of black and white film using various types of cameras. All processing and printing was completed by the staff. However, senior portraits and organization photos were provided by Larrry Titak Photography of Schererville, underclassung photos by Interstate Studios, and sports team photos by the VPA Company.

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